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SUBJECT: WESTERN FIVE TALKING POINTS FOR THE SAG

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1. GROUP OF FIVE AMBASSADORS MET THIS EVENING (JULY 12) TO CONSIDER PAPER CONTAINED REFTEL. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON PROPOSED INSTRUCTIONS TO PRETORIA AMBASSADORS. WITH REGARD TO TALKING POINTS, THEY AGREED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THEIR CAPITALS:

A. PARA 6(A), FOURTH SENTENCE: REPLACE "IN THE EYES OF THE UNITED NATIONS" WITH "INDEED, IN TERMS OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS". (REASON: GROUP FELT MORE COMFORTABLE IN BASING JUDGMENT OF UNACCEPTABILITY ON PREVIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS RATHER
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B. PARA 6(A)(2): IN SECOND SETENCE DELETE WORDS "IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO BE NECESSARY FOR THESE TWO OFFICIALS TO" AND INTEGRATE BALANCE OF THAT SENTENCE WITH THE FIRST SENTENCE WITH THE WORDS "AND THAT THESE TWO OFFICIALS SHOULD". (REASON: USE OF THE WORD "NECESSARY" SOUNDS TOO DEMANDING AND SAME

POINT COULD BE MADE BY LINKING THE TWO SENTENCES IN THE WAY INDICATED.)

C. PARA 7(A): DELETE IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH SENTENCES THE WORDS "TOOK EXCEPTION TO THIS TIMING. THEY BELIEVED" AND SUBSTITUTE WITH "SAID THAT". (REASON: AGAIN GROUP FELT THAT EMPHASIZING TAKING EXCEPTION TO THE SAG COULD CAUSE IRRITATION AND SAME OBJECTIVE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY LINKING THE TWO SENTENCES IN THE WAY SUGGESTED.)

D. PARA 7(A): IN FOURTH SENTENCE CHANGE WORD "REPRESSIVE" TO "RESTRICTIVE". (REASON: THROUGHOUT THE CAPE TOWN TALKS WE USED THE TERMS "DISCRIMINATORY" AND "RESTRICTIVE" RATHER THAN THE CONCEPT OF "REPRESSIVE".)

E. PARA 7(A): IN THE SAME FOURTH SENTENCE, AFTER THE WORDS "THE RELEASE OF" ADD "DETAINEES AND". (REASON: THERE COULD BE CONFUSION ON USE OF THE WORDS "DETAINEES" AND "POLITICAL PRISONERS" AS EMPLOYED IN SUBPARAS (A) AND (B) OF PARA 7. IN THE CASE OF PARA (A), WE UNDERSTAND THAT INTENTION WOULD BE TO COVER BOTH DETAINÉES AND POLITICAL PRISONERS.)

2. IN CONNECTION WITH FIFTH SENTENCE OF PARA 6(B), THE GROUP WISHES TO KNOW PRECISELY WHAT RECENT STATEMENTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA THE NEW YORK GROUP HAS IN MIND. GROUP HERE
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ANTICIPATES LIKELIHOOD THAT BOTHA MAY ASK WHAT STATEMENTS WE ARE REFERRING TO AND WANTS TO BE SURE IT USES THOSE WHICH PROMPTED THIS REFERENCE.

3. THE GROUP AGREED TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO FONMIN BOTHA (BRAND FOURIE WILL BE ON VACATION) ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 14 IF NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED IN TIME. ALL FIVE COUNTRIES WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN THE DEMARCHE. WHILE OTHER AMBASSADORS DID NOT HAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON LEAVING A WRITTEN TEXT OF THE TALKING POINTS, THEY AGREED ON THIS METHOD OF PRESENTATION.

4. THE GROUP HERE WILL MEET AGAIN AT 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME ON WED., JULY 13, TO REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AND MAKE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR SEEING FONMIN BOTHA. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO THAT MEETING.
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